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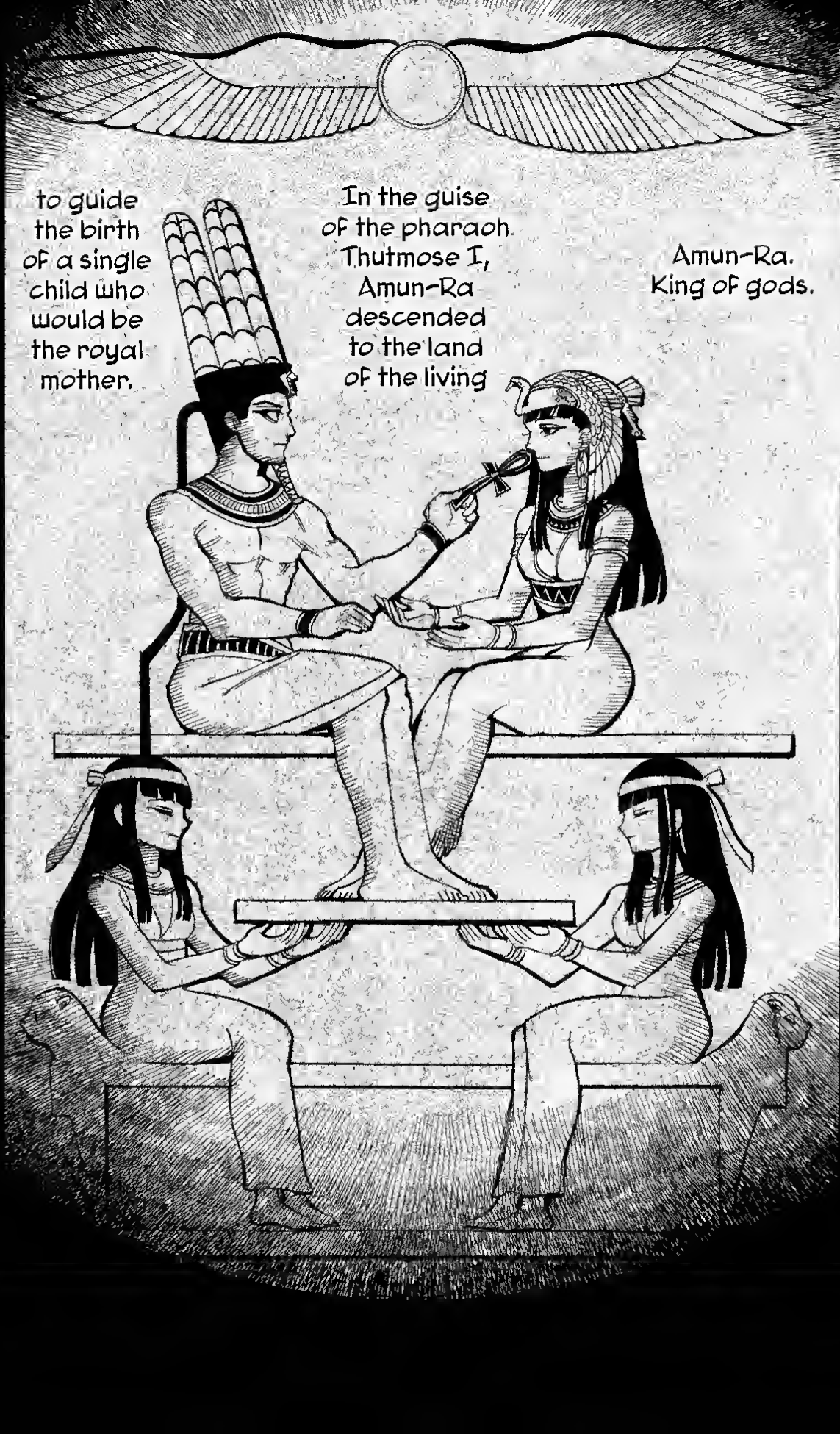
to guide the birth of a single child who would be the royal mother.
In the guise of the pharaoh Thutmose I, Amun-Ra descended to the land of the living
Amun-Ra. King of gods.

Queen Ahmose holds this child in her hands.

Behold, the child Hatshepsut. Noblest of noble, the one who shall be pharaoh and become one with Amun!

The pharaoh rules in the stead of Horus, God of the sky.
They are to govern the land with benevolence,
bringing peace and order to all their subjects.

For the sake of the pharaoh,
Amun and the sun god Ra protect
the country for all eternity.

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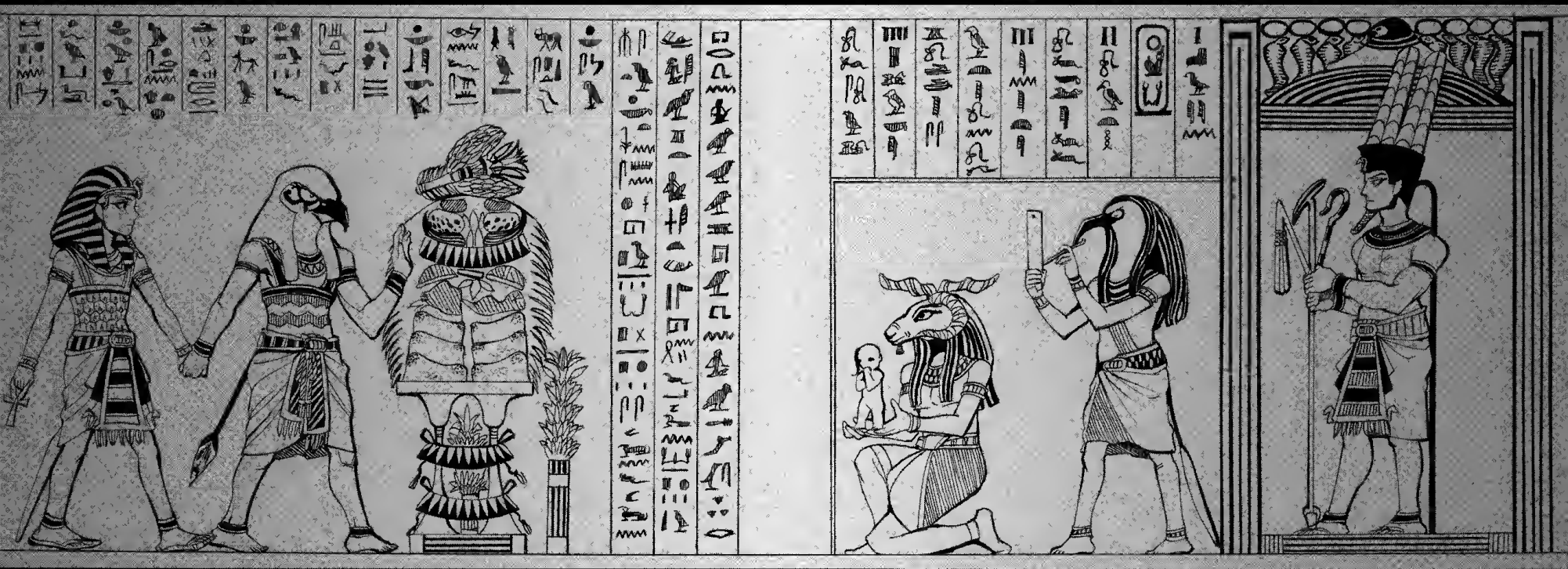
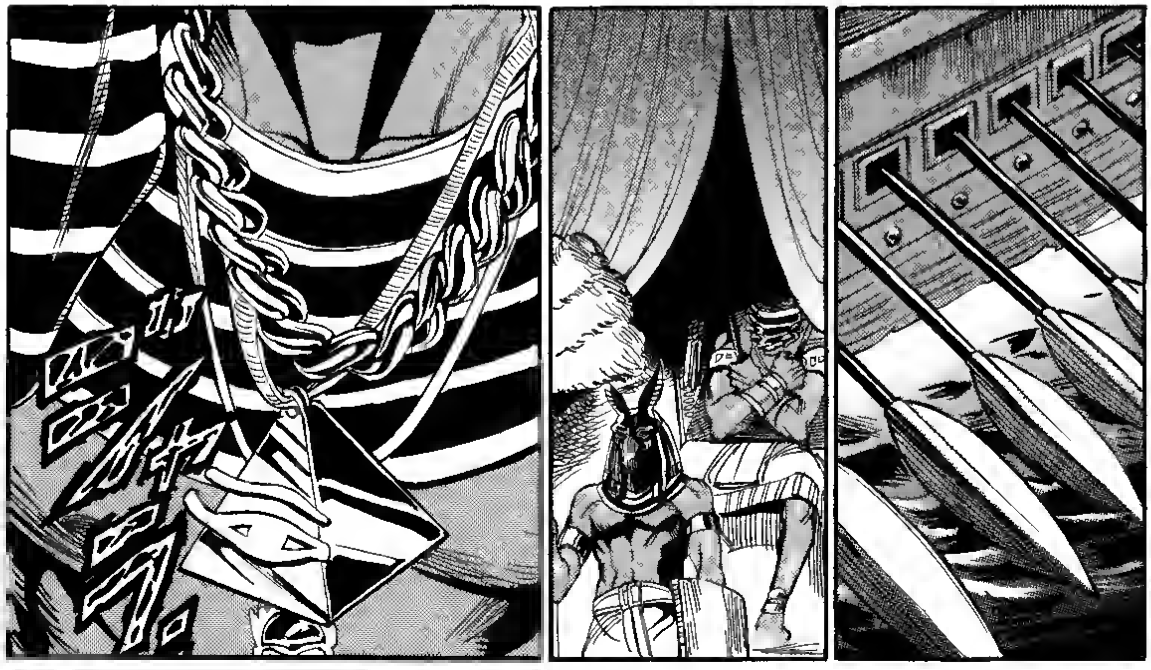


CH.1 QUEEN HATSHEPSUT

Today, history is to be made in Egypt.

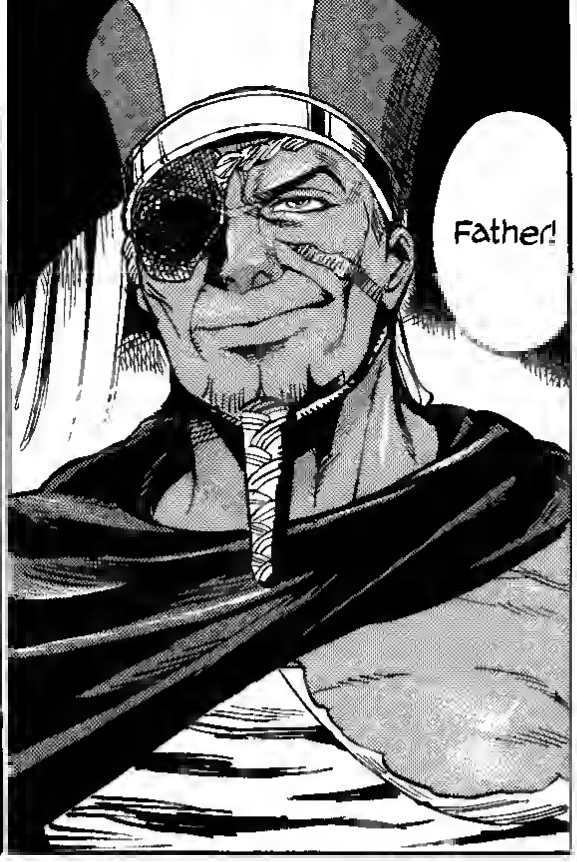


Oh, fortune favors us today!
And to think of all days that it should rain!
A blessing from the gods!
Rain!
A mighty rain poured down on the Nile, ending the long drought and promising of the good harvests to come.
All of Egypt bestows a great blessing upon you!
Lo!
O' Golden Horus!

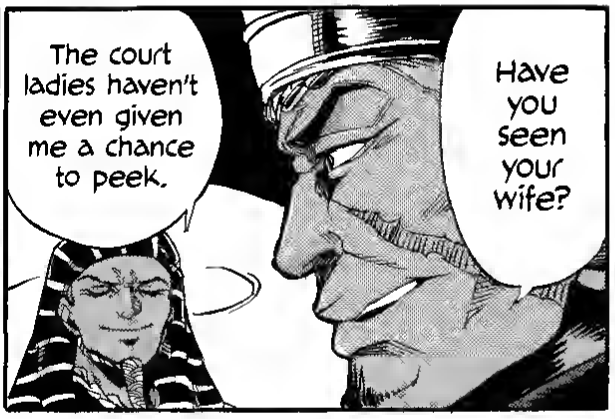
Your attire is truly fitting of the divine!
Well, well...
Your majesty!
Hmph.
Pa-tience, Senus-ret.
Seti.
Ah!
For-give me!
I don't take on my father's name until after the corona-tion.

I must be favored by the gods.

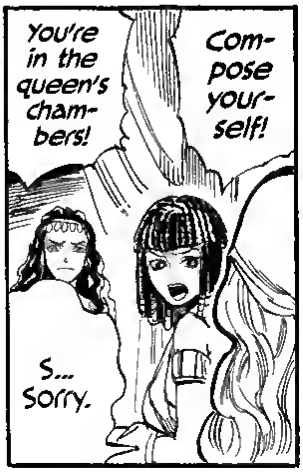
Well done.
Thank you.

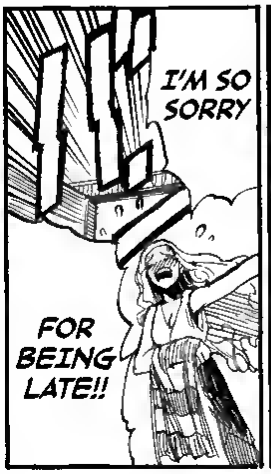

Father!

HAH HAH HAH HAH
We shall have to wait until the ceremony, then.


The court ladies haven't even given me a chance to peek.
Have you seen your wife?

AH!


You're in the queen's chambers!
Compose yourself!
S... Sorry.


I'M SO SORRY
FOR BEING LATE!!

Hahh
Hahh

It's all right.
Thank you.
HAHHH...
Ah, forgive me, your highness.
I was charmed by your beauty...

A queen in every sense of the word, is she not?
Over-flowing with calm elegance...
She's so lovely...
Hah! You wish!
I want to be *just* like her!
We're from entirely different worlds.
...Are you nervous?
In all my years as your wet nurse,
はら
I have never felt such joy seeing you now.
はら...
You've become so beautiful...
ガズ...

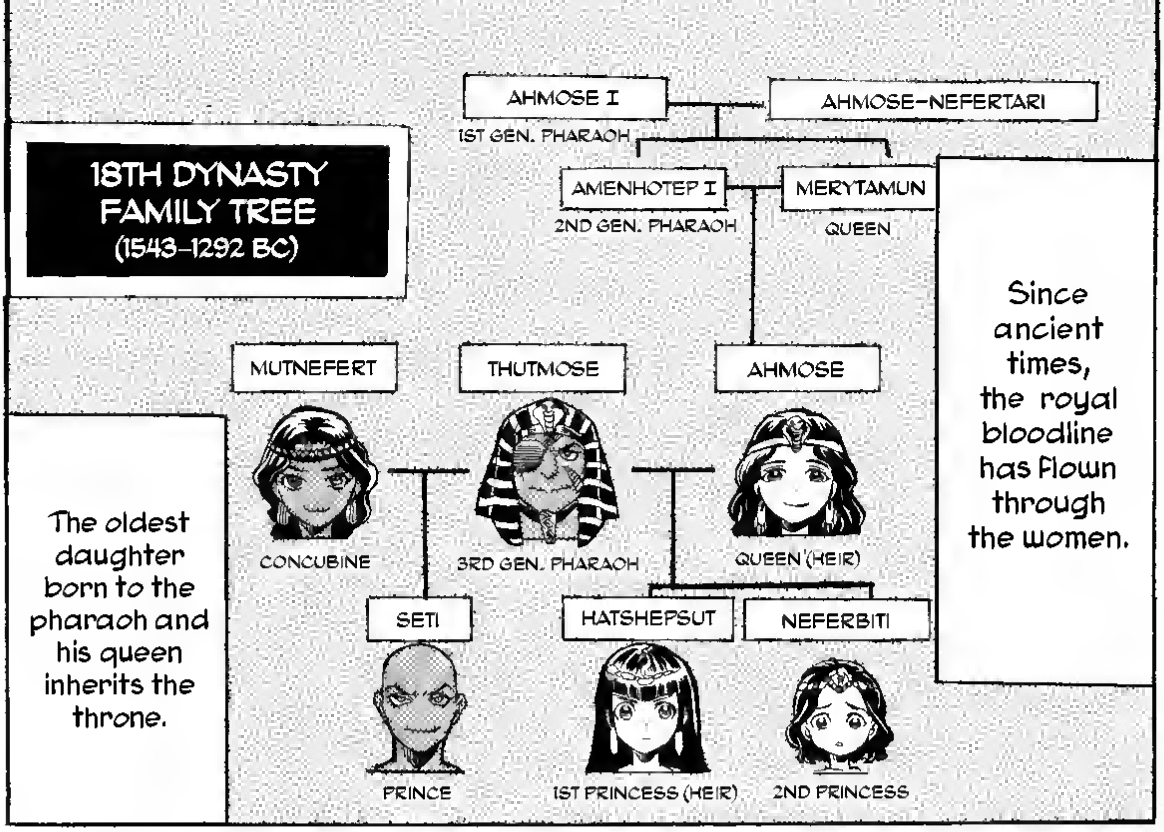
Sitre.
I didn't get a wink of sleep...
Well, I was so nervous,
No...
This ceremony isn't for me.
It is for me to please the people and my family.
Do you think Father would find me displeasing?
You needn't be so cold.
Today is a joyous day for us all...
because it is a joyous day for you, Your Grace.

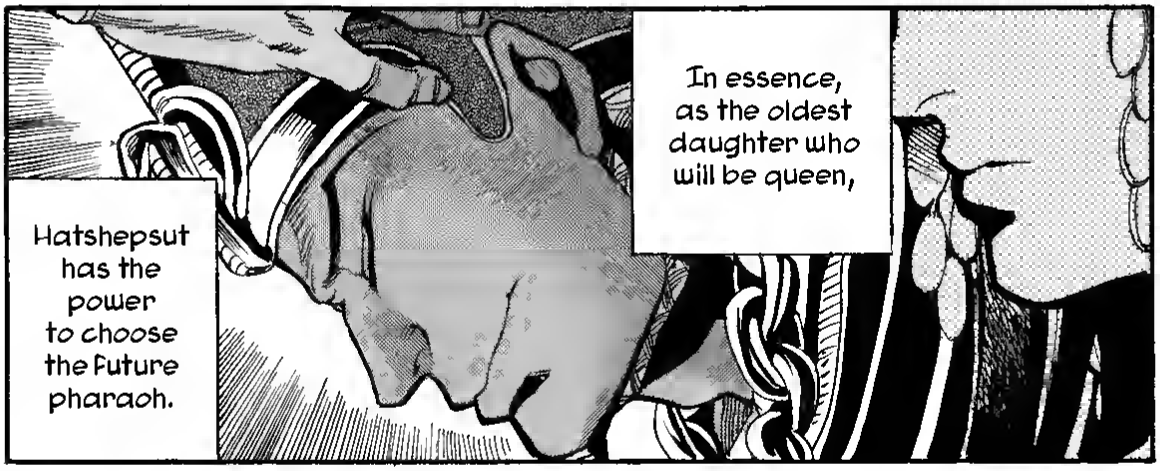
Hmph.
The wedding preparations are complete.
Hatshepsut.
Let us be off.
Very well.
ギィ…

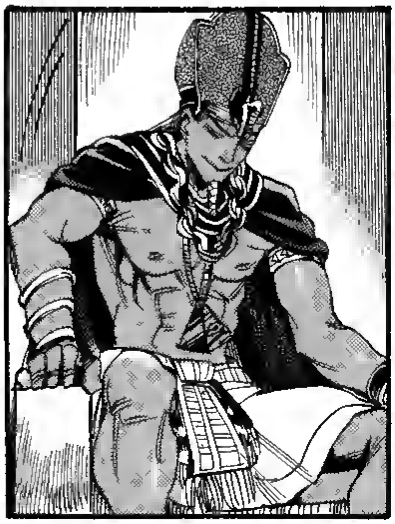
!
Your Majesty.
Ohh...
A-Ah...
Heh
She has become a magnificent woman indeed.

The God most revered
...is Amun-Ra.
15th Century, B.C. The New Kingdom of Egypt.
Under the watchful gaze of these powerful priests,
Senusret is one of many priests who engages in the politics of the empire under Amun-Ra's name.
are forever bound.
The soon-to-be Pharaoh and his Great Wife

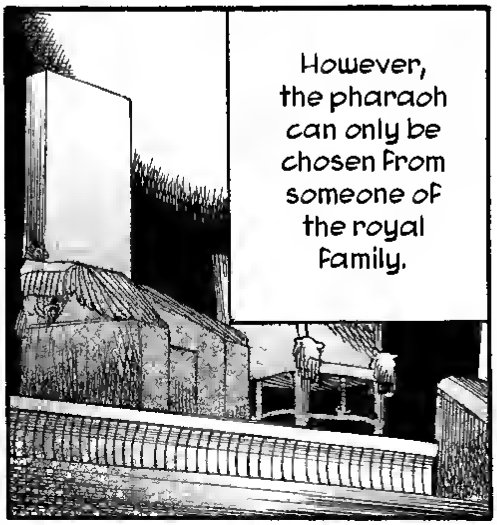
Prince Seti and Princess Hatshepsut are to be wed today.
They are half-siblings who share the same father, Thutmose I.


18TH DYNASTY FAMILY TREE (1543–1292 BC)
AHMOSE I
1ST GEN. PHARAOH
AHMOSE-NEFERTARI
AMENHOTEP I
2ND GEN. PHARAOH
MERYTAMUN
QUEEN
MUTNEFERT
CONCUBINE
THUTMOSE
3RD GEN. PHARAOH
AHMOSE
QUEEN (HEIR)
SETI
PRINCE
HATSHEPSUT
1ST PRINCESS (HEIR)
NEFERBITI
2ND PRINCESS
The oldest daughter born to the pharaoh and his queen inherits the throne.
Since ancient times, the royal bloodline has flown through the women.


Hatshepsut has the power to choose the future pharaoh.
In essence, as the oldest daughter who will be queen,

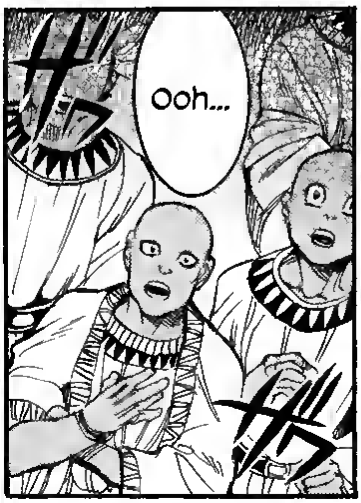


As such, marriages between siblings and close relatives are not uncommon.


However, the pharaoh can only be chosen from someone of the royal family.

Thutmose!!
Now, accept your new name.

Hear that?
I'm Thutmose II now.


Ooh...

NO
OB-
JECT-
IONS!
If any
of you
object,
speak
now.
IT IS
THE BIRTH
OF OUR NEW
PHARAOH,
THUTMOSE
II!!
PEOPLE
OF EGYPT!
REMEMBER
THIS DAY!
Seti...
PHAR-
AOH!!
PHAR-
AOH!!
YES!

Even the fellahin rejoice when a new Pharaoh is crowned.
A grand celebration was held in the capital Thebes.
The feast lasted seven days and seven nights,
and not once did the light fade during that time.

Thank you for gathering here today.
Please, relax and enjoy the festivities.
The king and his wife are stunning beyond words.
I'm looking forward to their children!
Indeed!

Well, flattery as it may be,
I'll accept it as your true feelings tonight.
Ready to swear in the next king already, are you?
Never, Your Majesty!
...Such a loose tongue.
Ha Ha Ha

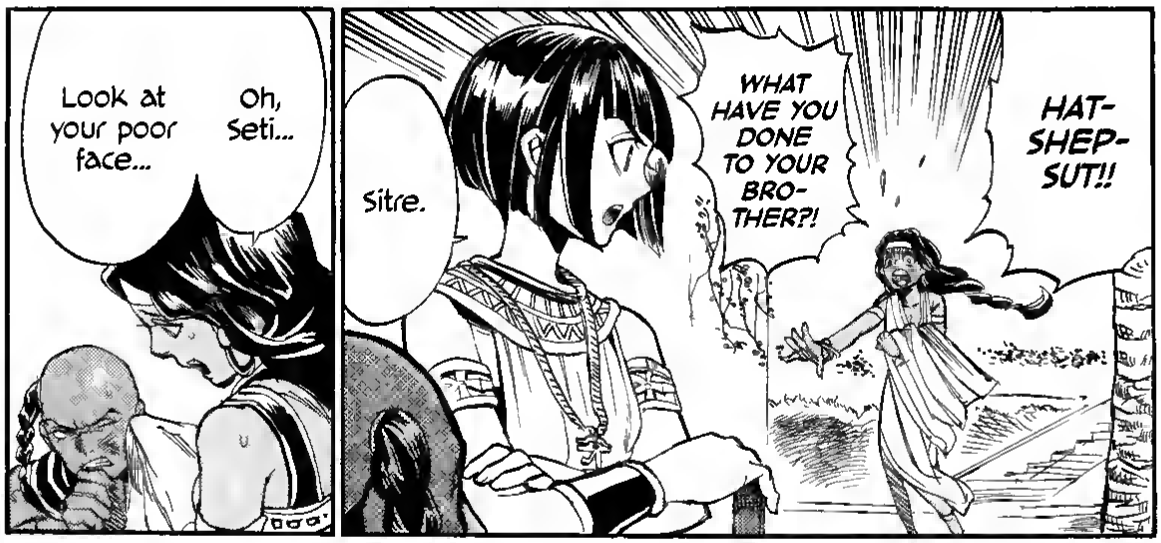
Flatter me all you like!
It is a beast's nature to praise the strong.
gok
gok
gok
F-Flattery?

...but do not drink yourself into a stupor.
You are putting your wife in an ill mood.
Hm?
Today may be your wedding day,
Seti.
And I am a god!
HA HA HA HA HA

You are most beautiful tonight.
Your mother would have been proud.
Father...
For her sake, behave as a pharaoh should.
Wasn't a simple task getting her like this though,
was it?
Your Majes-ty...
Of course... they don't know that.
Tch...
You won't anger me.
The pharaoh's heart is large and forgiving!
Hmm? What's wrong?
All right, I shall allow it just for today.
Show them, Hatshepsut. Show them what you really are.

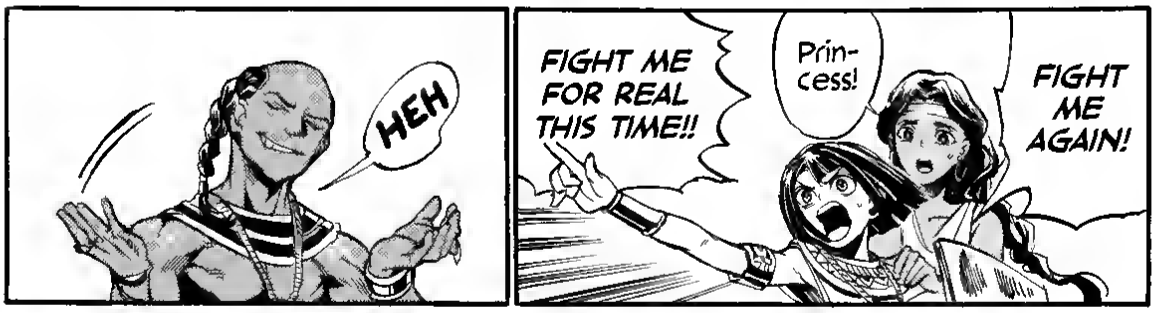
What's wrong, Brother?!
Yah!
Ah!
Three Years Ago
Gah!
Urk!
Grr...
KSH
You seem afraid!
Victory is mine!

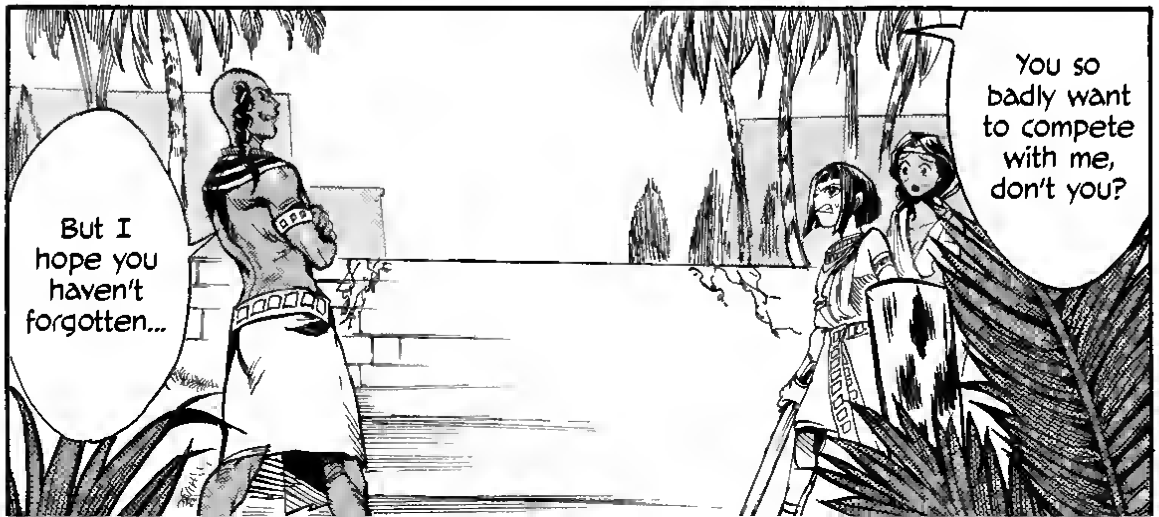
AH!!
That again?
Tch.
The one to follow in father's footsteps as a great warrior shall be none other than I, Hatshepsut!
Seems I'm stronger than you after all!


Look at your poor face...
Oh, Seti...
Sitre.
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO YOUR BRO-THER?!
HAT-SHEP-SUT!!

HAT-SHEP-SUT!!
Egypt has no need for men who would fuss over a few bruises.
It won't kill him.

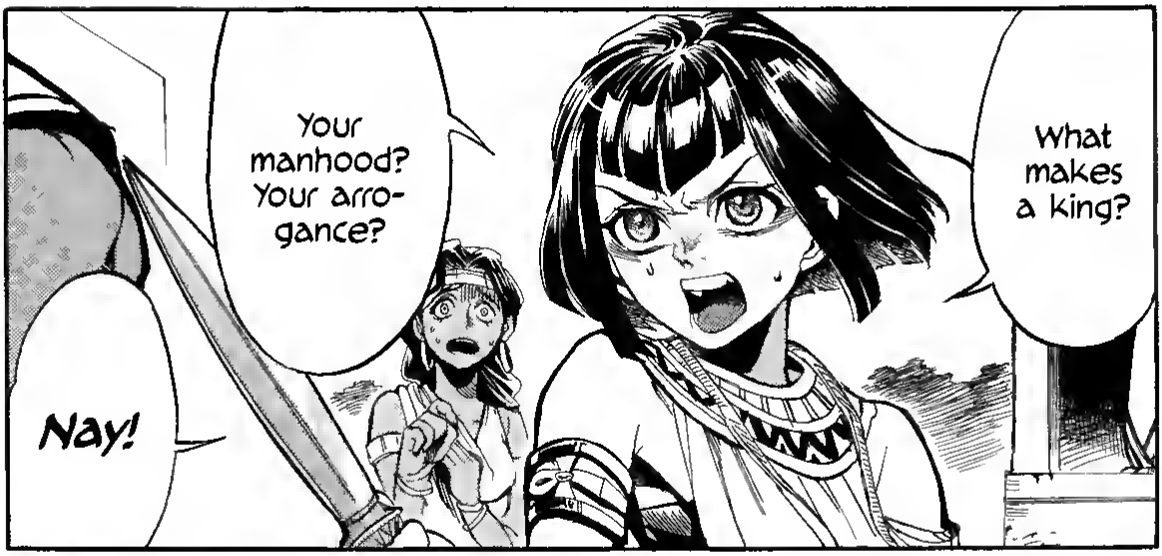
You think I'd have a *real* sparring match with my *sister?*
Heh.
I went *easy* on you.
What? This is nothing.
Wh...

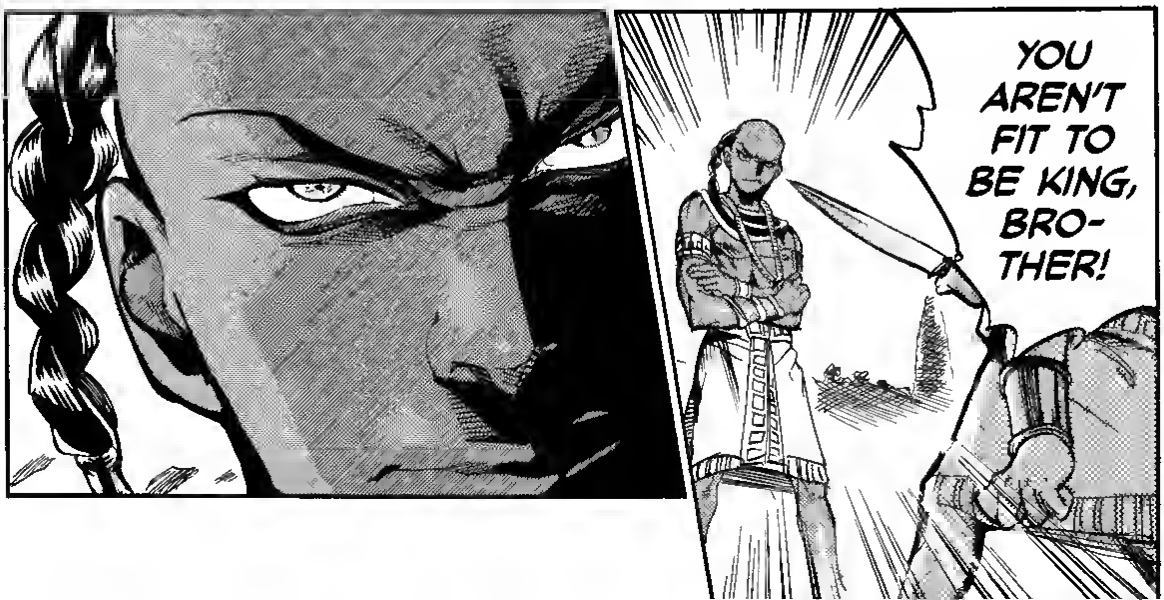

HEH
FIGHT ME FOR REAL THIS TIME!!
Prin-cess!
FIGHT ME AGAIN!


But I hope you haven't forgotten...
You so badly want to compete with me, don't you?

You seem confused about that, but even if you act like a man,
you'll never be one.
that only men can become pharaoh.
That's how it's always been.
Hey, do you know what the priests say about you?
That's just how unlikely it is.
Even if you did become pharaoh, the people would revolt.
"She's not just a tomboy, she's completely mad!"

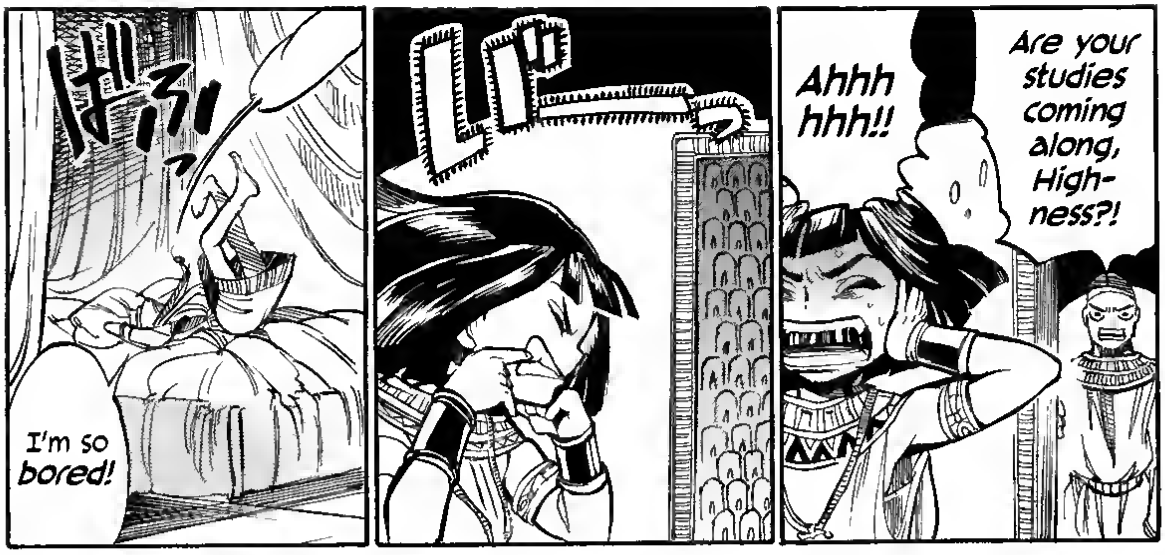
Mad, you say?! Do you know what's *mad?*
What are you going to do?
Oh?
ヒヴッ
ミヴヂ


Your manhood? Your arrogance?
What makes a king?
Nay!

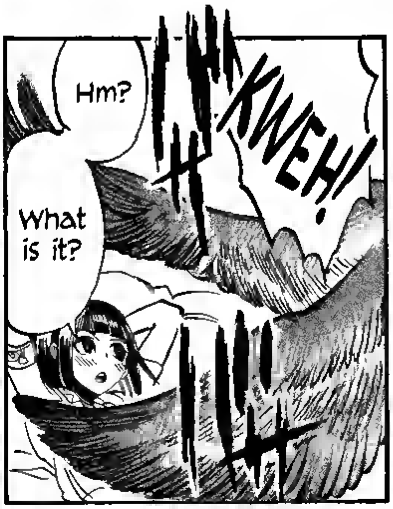

YOU AREN'T FIT TO BE KING, BROTHER!

HMPH!
But
just know that I am right.
I'll forgive your insults.
Listen, girl.
How could you treat your future husb-
NO!
You are the oldest daughter of the royal family!
Your High-ness...
I decide my own path!
The very idea makes me sick.

It is an immense burden, one not to be taken lightly.
Do you understand, Bubu?
As the living Horus, they must carry out their will and govern Egypt with wisdom.
The pharaoh is the only one who can commune with the gods.
He can't even understand the hearts of beasts as I do.
Kweh
Can he, Bubu?
but Seti could never fulfill this sacred duty.
Perhaps Father who is so like the warrior Amun did,
Father is always on some expedition,
Kweh
and Mother is bedridden with illness!
This is so boring...
They told me to give up training to be a soldier.


I'm so bored!
Are your studies coming along, Highness?!
Ahhh hhh!!

Why can't I go to school like my brother?!
Just being a woman makes so many things impossible!

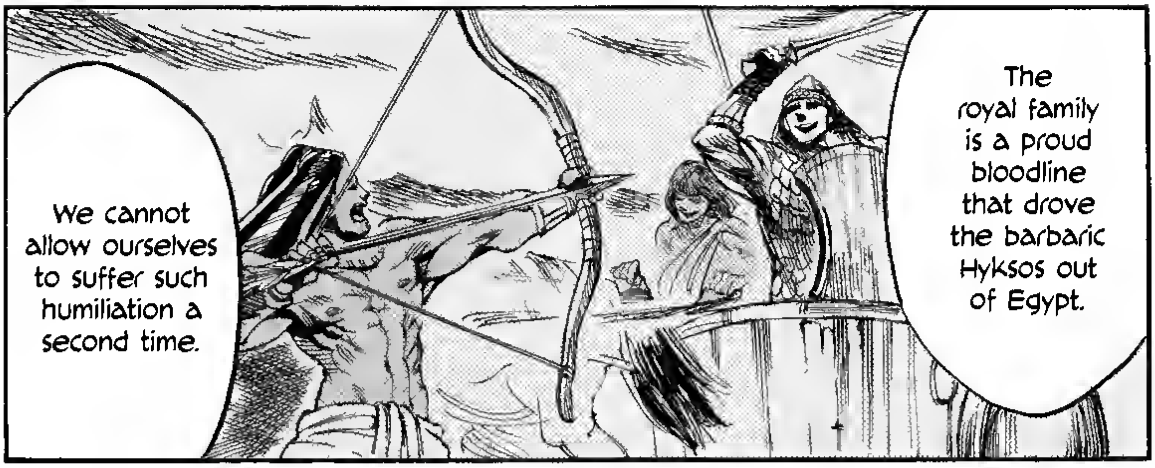

Hm?
What is it?
KWEH!

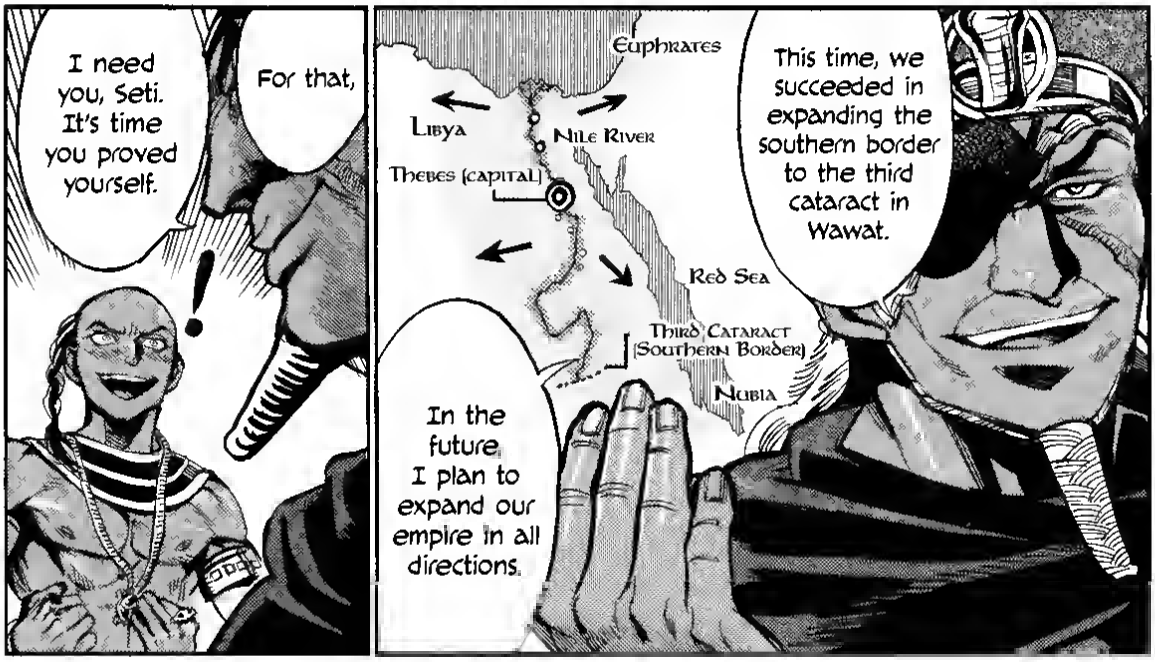
!

Father!
HIGH-NESS!
HAAA
Kweh
Is that true?!
Well, what am I doing here, then?!
HE'S BACK!
FATHER HAS RE-TURNED!
How many months has it been?!
There's so much I want to talk with him about!

WEL-COME HOME, YOUR MAJ-ESTY!
THE PHARAOH HAS RE-TURNED!
You have my thanks for looking after the kingdom.
Hmph.
You're back, Father!
I trust the campaign was a success!

What was it like?
Even after his ascension, he felled many enemies in his campaigns.
My father was a mere soldier, but he made a name for himself on the battlefield, rising to coregent and then to pharaoh.
They were like mewling infants before the Egyptian army.
The Nubians fell as wheat to a scythe.
Your might knows no bounds!
As punishment, I claimed a sea of slaves and treasure.
Nubia shan't escape our grasp.


We cannot allow ourselves to suffer such humiliation a second time.
The royal family is a proud bloodline that drove the barbaric Hyksos out of Egypt.


I need you, Seti. It's time you proved yourself.
For that,
!
Euphrates
Libya
Nile River
Thebes (capital)
Red Sea
Third Cataract (Southern Border)
Nubia
In the future, I plan to expand our empire in all directions.
This time, we succeeded in expanding the southern border to the third cataract in Wawat.

Fa-ther!
Huh?!
Thank you, Father!
Excellent. You will accompany me on my next campaign.
I have been training every day,
waiting for you to ask me that, Father!

You're back!
Hatshepsut! You're barefoot!
I've been eagerly awaiting your return.
Please tell me of all that happened.
I hear Nubia is a land rich in gold and sweet milk.
I'd very much like to accompany you on your next campaign!
Father?

This is no place for a woman, Hatshepsut.

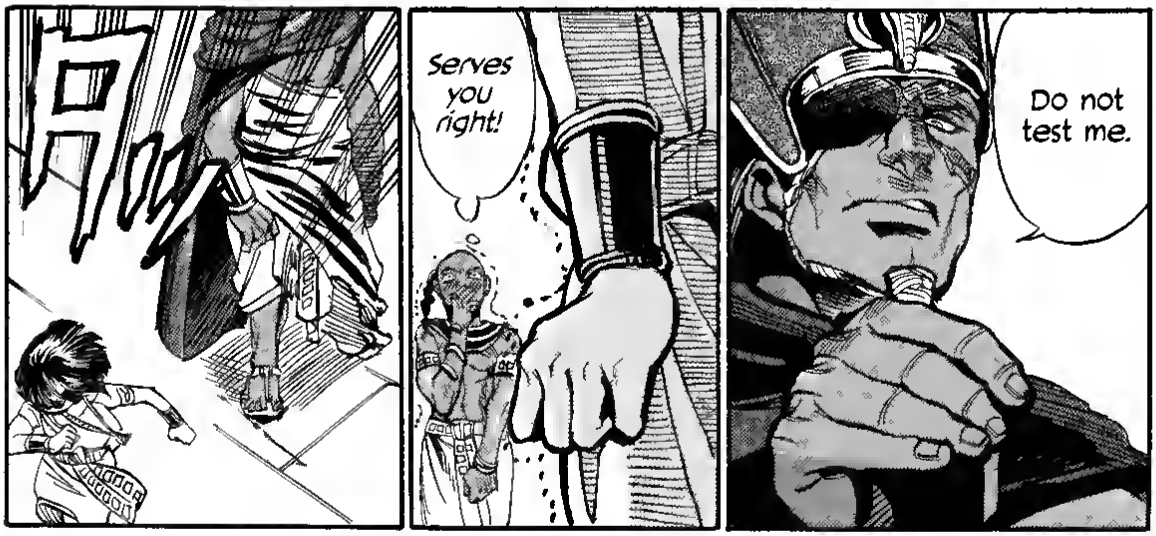
My desire to fight for Egypt
is no different than Seti's.

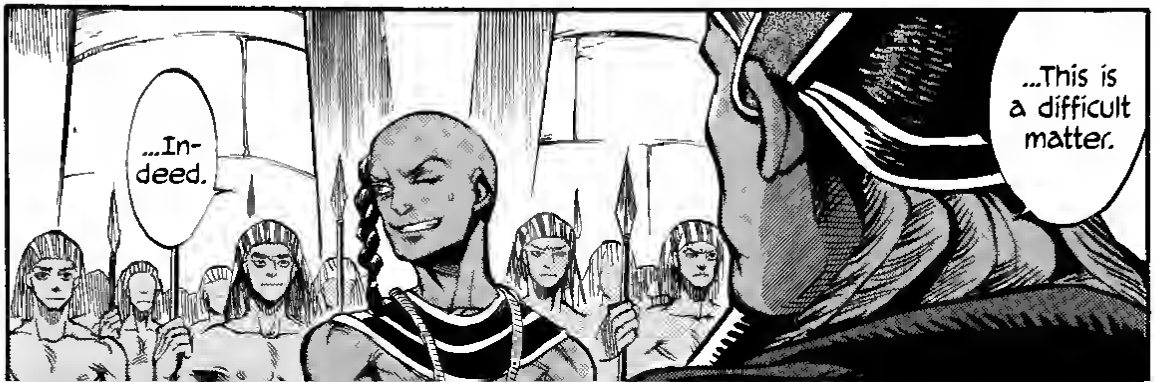
Not you too!
What does it matter that I'm a woman?

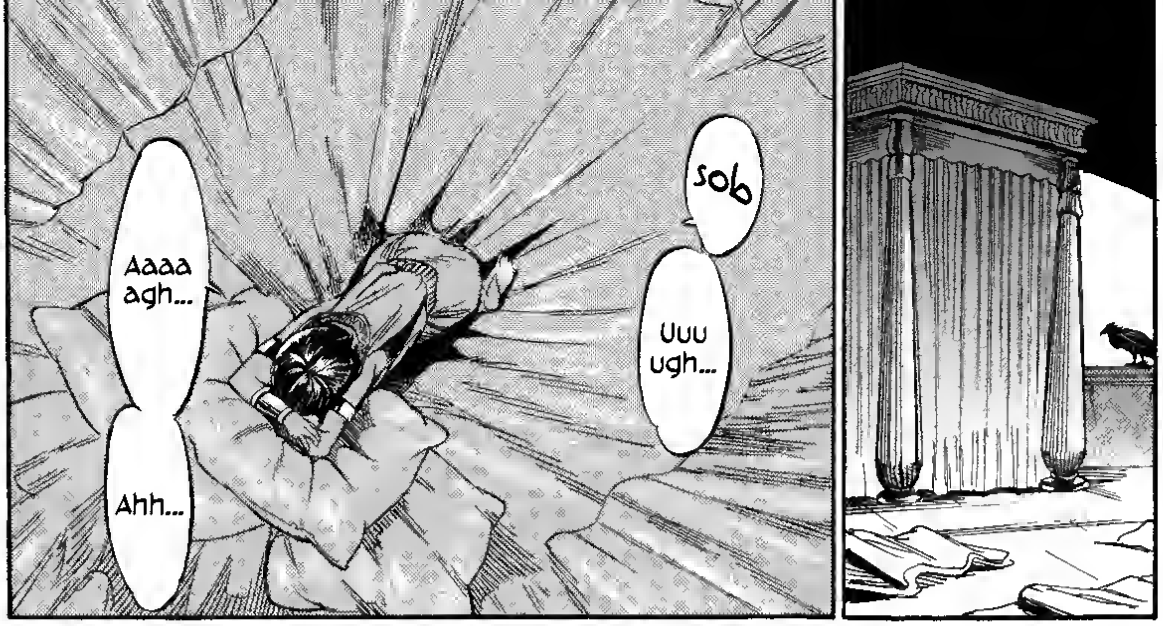
You are a grown woman now.
It's time you act as befits your station.

I was even sparring with him earlier today.
I even *beat* him!

If skill is a concern, then I have every right to accompany you!


Serves you right!
Do not test me.


...In-deed.
...This is a difficult matter.


Aaaa agh...
Ahh...
sob
Uuu ugh...

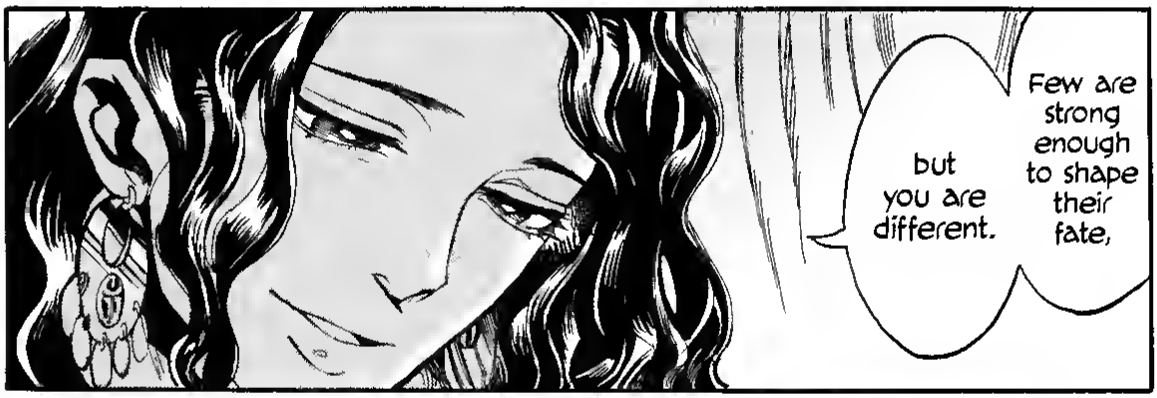
sob
sob
sniff
Why did I have to be a woman?
I didn't choose to be born this way.

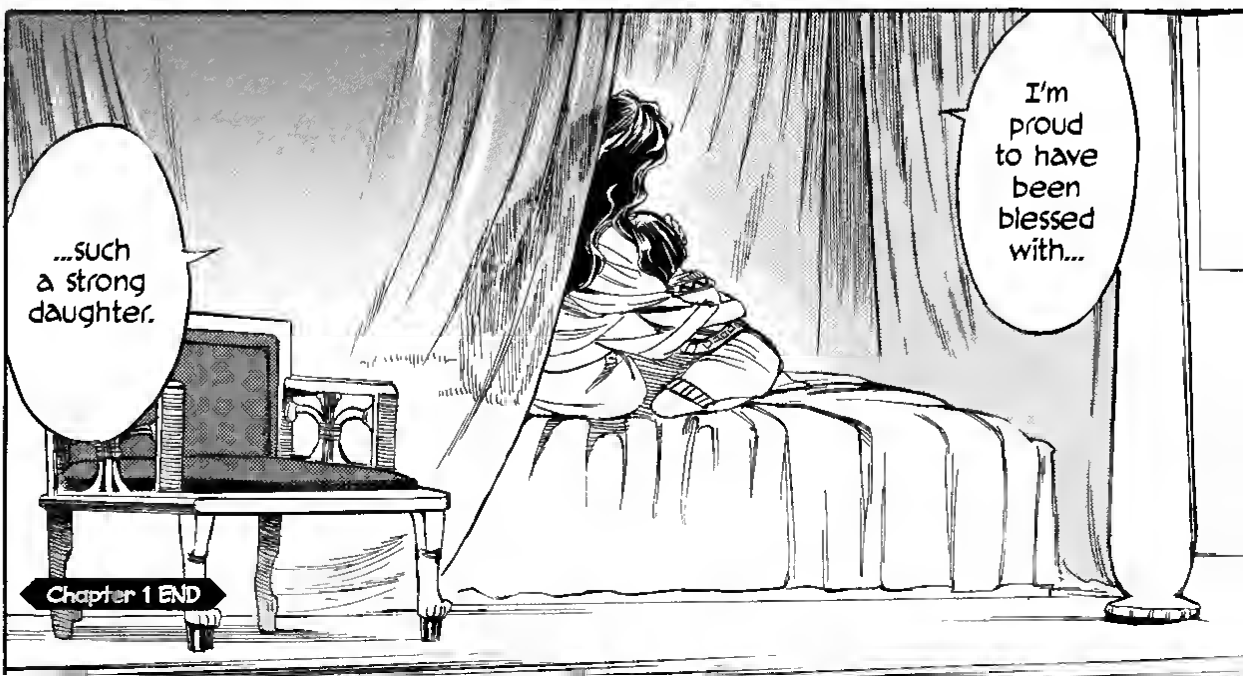
Will what I desire always be out of my reach?
Is it wrong to desire it?
So it's impossible as a woman...

Mother.
Why didn't you have me be born a man?
Hat-sheps-ut...
ギュッ

Oh, my little Hat. I'm so sorry.
You have suffered dearly
because of me.
Egypt has changed...
The army has grown strong, and all of Egypt bows to their might. The priests control the matters of the state and govern the people.
We women may secure the new pharaoh's reign, but it is merely an empty formality.
They might shun you for not submitting to their will,
but...
when I see you, I am filled with hope.
...I simply let them do with me as they pleased.

Live as you see fit, Hatshepsut.
Your fate is guided by your hands alone.


Few are strong enough to shape their fate,
but you are different.


I'm proud to have been blessed with...
...such a strong daughter.
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# HORUS CHAPTER 1

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BIT.LY/TSPCHAT

TRANS. MOOSE
PROOF. TSUN
CLEAN. MOOSE
RDRAW. JULES
LETTR. PABE

NEW SERIES! THOUGHT WE ONLY DID CUTE ROMANCE. EH?